SEVENTH DAY—*14th October 1927.*

The Assembly re-assembled at 12 noon.

Questions and Answers.

MESSRS. KATTE DAKAPPA, TUDAKI RAMANNA and B. GOPALACHAR (Thirthahalli Taluk).—

Q.—24. Will the Government be pleased to state :—

(1) The amount collected towards share amount of the Shimoga District Board Railway from the Thirthahalli and Nagar Taluks.

(2) The amount of Railway Cess realised from each of the above taluks every year.

(3) The cost of extending the line from Ragihosahalli to Thirthahalli.

(4) Is it a fact that Government have cancelled the project of taking on the railway line as far as Thirthahalli? If so, on what grounds and on whose representation and what are the details of such representation?

(5) Whether in case no railway line is laid the share amount and the Railway Cess would be refunded to the parties?

GENERAL SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT.—

A.—24. (1) Thirthahalli, Rs. 1,34,236-4-0; Nagar, Rs. 1,05,776.

(2) A statement is appended. (*Vide* Appendix III).

(3) The cost is Rs. 35,64,659. (On Metre Gauge.)

(4) and (5) Government Order No. L. 4763-75—L.B. 101-21-18, dated the 22nd January 1927, is placed on the table. (*Vide* Appendix IV.)

Supplementary Questions and Answers.

Mr. Katte Dakappa.—

From the answer to Question. (4), it is not clear

whether the line will be laid or not. May I know whether it will be extended as far as Thirthahalli ?

General Secretary to Government.—

Government have not yet decided the question.

Mr. Katte Dakappa.—

What about the extension of Shimoga-Arasalu line ?

General Secretary to Government.—

It is under consideration.

Mr. B. Gopalachar.—

What is the reason for the recent Government Order stating that the trade prospects not being bright, the line to Thirthahalli will not be put on hand ?

General Secretary to Government.—

It will not be taken up for the present.

Third Member of Council —

The traffic-prospects there are not encouraging.

Mr. B. Gopalachar.—

Do you refund then the Railway Cess collections ?

Third Member of Council.—

The Railway Cess is not levied with the idea of extending a line to a particular place. It is meant for the benefit of the whole district.

Mr. B. Gopalachar.—

Should not the debenture loan collected in the Thirthahalli and Nagar Taluks be refunded ?

Third Member of Council.—

You may ask the District Board.

Mr. Bhaskar Rao.—

Is not the extension of railway communication essential for the development of Malnad ?

Dewan.—

It will be considered after the cess amount accumulates.

Mr Bhaskar Rao.—

Is the question of extension of railway to Bhatkal likely to be taken up soon ?

Dewan.—

It is under consideration.

MR. NADIG BHASKAR RAO and MR. DEVAPPA WADIAR (Sorab Taluk), MR. B. VENKATAGIRIAPPA (Sagar Taluk), MR. B. GOPALACHAR (Thirthahalli Taluk) and MR. A. S. MURIGAPPA (Shimoga Taluk).—

Q.—25. Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(1) What amount received as contribution for tank works is now with Government?

(2) How many tanks are there in Sorab, Thirthahalli and Sagar Taluks for which contributions have been paid and for which the necessary repairs have not been effected and what is the amount collected in the case of such tanks?

(3) Whether the Government will be pleased to take steps to execute the works early?

CHIEF SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT.—

A.—25. (1) Rs. 71,637 approximately, (figures for Kolar and Kadur Districts are not included.)

	No. of tanks.	Amount contributed. Rs. a. p.
(2) Sorab ..	21 ..	3,856 4 9
Thirthahalli	48 ..	9,311 3 5
Sagar ..	19 ..	1,850 7 3

(3) Orders directing the speedy disposal of all such cases have been issued.

Supplementary Questions and Answers.

Mr. Nadig Bhaskar Rao.—

With reference to Answer (1), may I know whether the amount earns any interest ?